

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 310

Commending the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, for engaging in a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert Du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, for engaging in a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert Du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

Whereas the Marquis de Lafayette was born on September 6, 1757, and occupies an important place in the history of the United States;

Whereas Lafayette demonstrated considerable military skill, valor, and dedication as he fought alongside American revolutionary fighters during their struggle for independence, and was voted by Congress the rank and commission of major general in the Continental Army;

Whereas Lafayette’s military service was invaluable to General George Washington during many Revolutionary War battles, earning him his reputation as “the soldier’s friend”;

Whereas Lafayette’s leadership and military ingenuity during the Battle of Yorktown, Virginia, led to the defeat of British General Lord Charles Cornwallis and subsequently the successful end to the American Revolutionary War;

Whereas Lafayette’s advocacy in France on behalf of the United States fostered positive diplomatic relations and allowed for the Louisiana Purchase;

Whereas Lafayette’s status as a native French speaker, in combination with his dedication to democracy in America, prompted Thomas Jefferson to request that the Marquis serve as the Governor of Louisiana;

Whereas Lafayette symbolizes the assistance America received from Europe during the struggle for independence;

Whereas United States aid to France during the World Wars of 1917–1918 and 1941–1945 stemmed in part from shared values of democracy and freedom, which Lafayette strongly supported;

Whereas the friendship between the people of the United States and France has not diminished;

Whereas continued relationships between the United States and France are important to the success of our global partnerships;

Whereas the town of Vermilionville, Louisiana, was renamed Lafayette in 1884 in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette; and

Whereas the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, in the heart of the
Acadiana region, exhibits a rich French heritage: Now,
therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the Marquis de Lafayette on the
3 250th anniversary of his birth; and

4 (2) commends the city of Lafayette, Louisiana,
5 for engaging in a year-long celebration of this anni-
6 versary.

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